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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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SERIAL NO: 10/030,697 :

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FOR: BIOREACTOR :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-16 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 17-32 as follows:

17. (New) Bioreactor for cultivating organic material by a nutrient medium, which can be put into a flow, comprising:

a housing;

a receiving device arranged in the housing, which has a receiving space for the organic material that can be flowed through by the nutrient medium;